



**MINUTES
of the
Meeting of the
Board of Directors
of the
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
A Public Agency**

**Tuesday, July 29, 2008
8:30 AM**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Britton, Chair; Dave Davis, Vice Chair; Dick Weinberg, Director; Roger Aceves, Director; Chuck McQuary, Director; Sharon Anderson, Director; Brian Fahnestock, Secretary

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Tiara Lakey, Executive Assistant to the Board & General Manager; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance, Imelda Martin, Office Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Britton reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager reported that on Friday, July 25, 2008, the agenda for this meeting was posted at MTD's administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

4. & 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

At this time Director Aceves moved to approve the consent calendar for items #4 (Approval of July 15, 2008 draft meeting minutes) and item #5 (Cash Report July 8-July 21, 2008). Director Fahnestock abstained from item #4 due to his absence from that meeting. The motion passed.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ACQUISITION OF (3) THREE 29' HYBRID BUSES FOR ISLA VISTA SERVICE EXPANSION

The General Manager provided the Board with a review of staff's recommendation to approve the purchase of (3) three 29' Hybrid buses. She noted that the purchase is part of a consortium with San Joaquin Regional Transit.

The General Manager reported that the buses will be used for the UCSB/ Isla Vista/ Camino Real Marketplace service expansion, which is the last piece of the South Coast Transit Priorities (SCTP) to be implemented. The service is expected to begin approximately one year from the date of purchase.

The General Manager reminded the Board that the vehicles will be purchased with dedicated funding from a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant that also includes funds for operating the service. Director Aceves requested that the public be made aware that these funds are to be used solely for providing this service and not an option for the current fare change considerations.

Director Aceves moved to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Gillig Corp. for the purchase of three (3) 29' hybrid buses. Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

The General Manager provided the Board each with a Fiesta brochure which includes a map of locations where you can catch MTD's buses to Fiesta events. The General Manager also informed the Board that there will be additional service provided to La Fiesta Pequeña, Los Dignatarios, and along State Street on Saturday night.

The General Manager informed the Board of some road closures and detours along the line 8 route.

She also updated the Board on the 101 Operational Improvements.

Director Weinberg requested that staff contact the City of Carpinteria in regards to airing the recent MTD Board Work Session in Carpinteria. Director Weinberg commented that several Carpinteria residents have expressed an interest in viewing MTD's televised meetings which are currently only broadcasted in Santa Barbara.

The General Manager briefly updated the Board on the District's Overpass property.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Board agreed to change the date of one of the Public Hearings. The hearings will now be held on:

- **Monday, August 11th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, September 8th at 5:30 p.m.**

These meetings will be held in MTD's auditorium, located at 550 Olive Street. Both hearings will be televised.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Approved by the Board of Directors on August 12, 2008.

Brian Fahnstock, Secretary of the Board